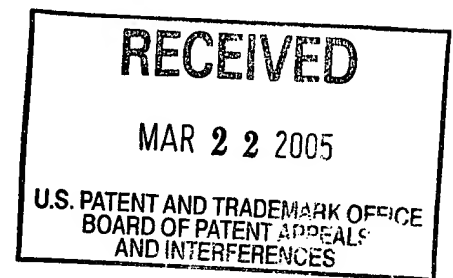


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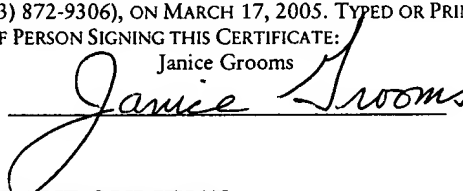
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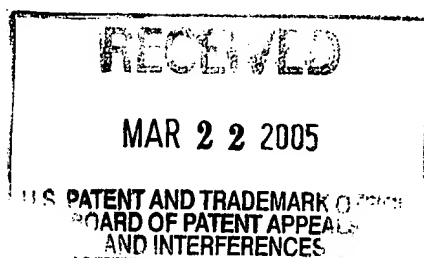
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Applicant hereby requests abandonment of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a). Applicant also hereby requests withdrawal from the appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the above-identified application. A continuation application entitled "OSMOTIC MEMBRANE AND VACUUM SYSTEM FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMB," Application No. 11/044,133, was filed on January 27, 2005.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.



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